

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for getting the stocks replaced from the suppliers in such circumstances;

(d) whether recovery of huge amounts from the employees is pending on account of damaged stocks in excess of the prescribed limit;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken to recover the amounts so outstanding against the employees?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) :  
(a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the Super Bazar, Delhi, no amount is given to the employees to meet the cost of the damaged stock.

(c) The damaged stocks are replaced by the respective suppliers as per the terms of supply agreed with them.

(d) No recovery is pending from the employees on account of damaged stocks.

(e) and (f) In view of (d) above, do not arise.

#### **Foodgrains sought by Karnataka**

4910. SHRI A. SIDDARAJU : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has sought the additional quantity of foodgrains to implement the new PDS;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have released or proposed to release the additional quantity of foodgrains;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) :  
(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

[Translation]

#### **Import of Pulses**

4911. SHRI DHIRENDRA AGARWAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of pulses imported during the last two years and the amount paid towards such import;

(b) whether the Government are considering to import the pulses during 1997-98;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the amount likely to be incurred thereon; and

(d) the action being taken by the Government to make the country self-sufficient in the field of pulses and to reduce the import of pulses?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) :  
(a) Quantity of pulses imported during last two years and value of import are as under:

Year	Quantity (lakhs tonnes)	Value (Rs. Crores)
1995-96	4.49	630.70
1996-97 (April-Feb.)	4.48	644.58

(b) and (c) There is no proposal at present for import of pulses on Government account.

(d) For increasing the pulses production so as to make country self-sufficient in the field of pulses and to reduce the imports, a centrally sponsored National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) is being implemented. Through the scheme field demonstrations and farmers training are being organised for the effective transfer of improved pulses production technology. Besides to motivate the farmers to adopt improved production technology, incentives are being provided to them on the use of certified seeds, micro-nutrients, rhizobium culture, improved farm implements, sprinkler sets etc.

[English]

#### **Conservation of Forest Resources**

4912. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have constituted an expert Committee for an indepth analysis of issues having an

impact on conservation of forest resources in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the other main issues on which the Committee has been asked to report;

(c) whether the expert Committee has also been asked to revive the ongoing schemes related to the forest sector to ascertain their efficacy and suggest improvements; and

(d) if so, the time by which committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) The Central and State Government have not specifically constituted any expert committee on the issues having an impact on conservation of forest resources. However, two expert committees have been constituted by the State Government as per the directions of Supreme Court dated 12.12.96 in writ Petition No. 202 of 1995.

(b) and (c) Main issues on which committees have been asked to report are as under:-

(i) Identify areas which are "forests" irrespective of whether they are so notified, recognised or classified under any law, and irrespective of the ownership of the land of such forest;

(ii) Identify areas which were earlier forests but stand degraded, denuded or cleared;

(iii) Identify areas covered by plantation trees belonging to the Government and those belonging to private persons.

(iv) the sustainable capacity of the forests of the State que saw mills and timber based industry.

(v) The number of existing saw mills which can safely be sustained in the State;

(vi) The optimum distance from the forest *qua* that State, at which the saw mill should be located.

(d) The Committee have already submitted their Report to the Court.

[Translation]

### Development of Uttarakhand Region

4913. SHRI SOHAN VEER SINGH : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has submitted some plans to the Union Government for the development of Adivasi areas of Uttarakhand region for approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[English]

### Children Reformatory Centre

4914. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA:  
KUMARI UMA BHARATI:  
SHRIMATI KETAKI DEVI SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether once again some children ran away from children reformatory centre situated near Delhi Gate in Delhi recently by breaking up the enclosure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard; and

(d) if so, the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) On 20.4.97, 5 boys ran away from the Observation Home for Boys situated near Delhi Gate in Delhi. Of them one has since been traced.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The inquiry has revealed that the lapse is *prima facie* attributable to the negligence of the private security guards deployed at the Home.

### Cold Storages

4915. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Warehousing Corporation proposes to conduct surveys and establish cold storages and to take up other expansion projects in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the places proposed for establishing cold storages in Karnataka;

(c) whether the Central Warehousing Corporation has sought allotment of lands at the proposed places at concessional rates; and